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Axis and Allied forces

World War II was a global conflict that saw numerous key battles between the Axis and Allied forces. Here are some of the most significant ones:

1. **Battle of the Atlantic (1939-1945)**: This was the longest continuous military campaign of World War II, where the Allies aimed to blockade Germany, while the Axis powers sought to disrupt Allied shipping.

2. **Battle of Dunkirk (1940)**: A significant early battle where Allied forces were evacuated from the

beaches of Dunkirk, France, in a daring operation known as Operation Dynamo.

3. **Pearl Harbor (1941)**: The surprise attack by Japanese forces on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor led to the United States' entry into World War II.

4. **Battle of Stalingrad (1942-1943)**: One of the deadliest battles in history, where the Soviet Union successfully defended the city of Stalingrad against the German Army, marking a turning point in the war.

5. **D-Day (1944)**: The Allied invasion of Normandy, France, which was a significant turning point in the war, leading to the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control.

6. **Battle of Midway (1942)**: A crucial naval battle in the Pacific Theater where the United States Navy decisively defeated an attacking fleet of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

These battles were pivotal in shaping the outcome of World War II and had lasting impacts on the course of history.